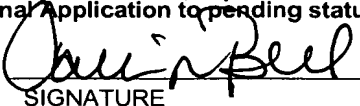


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TITLE OF INVENTION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PRECISE LIQUID MEASUREMENT IN A LIQUID SAMPLING PIPETTE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Francois Viot, Yves May		
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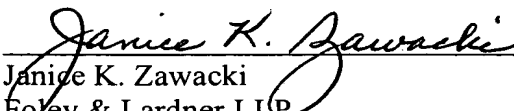
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